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Mme. Florence Montague.

This lady is a well-known psychic and inspirational speaker, and, we think, the only platform medium of French descent in the United States of America.

Born of Catholic parentage, she was placed in a convent, under strict religious training for cloistered life, but her parents were disappointed, for her growing dislike for restraint induced a strong opposition to discipline, the confessional and penance. Frequently she had visions and fell into trances.

Then she was allowed to travel and follow her impulses—giving greater development to her psychic faculties, and adding largely to her experiences.

For the past dozen years Mme. Montague has resided in the United States, and when the Oakland Psychical Society was organized, two years ago, she was engaged as its permanent speaker.

Dr. Peebles, writing of this excellent psychic says: "She lectures in English eloquently and fluently. Her platform lectures are of a superior order, and her public tests are marvelous. When she appears, crowds flock to hear her. Such mediumship both demonstrates a future existence and builds up Spiritualism."

Mme. Montague wields great influence among investigators as well as those who have become convinced of the truth of Spiritual philosophy and phenomena.

Her inspirational lectures are grandly eloquent and her demonstrations by the phenomena

zing questions on occult science or philosophy is amazing to all. At the close of the late camp-



MADAME FLORENCE MONTAGUE, Oakland, Cal.

are remarkable and convincing, while her ability to answer puzzles

meeting at Oakland, Capt. Milman, master of the "Crown of

Denmark," a fine English ship, asked permission to endorse Mme. Montague's mediumship, and relate his experience in the following narrative:

Oakland, June 30, 1897.

About the middle of July, 1894, I went with a friend to a Spiritualistic camp-meeting, which was being held at Oakland.

Neither my friend or I had ever attended anything of its kind before and we were simply actuated by an idle curiosity to go, in order to pass away an hour. We were both jocosely skeptical and inclined to treat the whole business with levity. However, the sequel will prove that in my case, at any rate, I could not afford to be facetious on the subject.

On entering the tent my friend and I took the rear seat, as a point of vantage, as we then could observe every movement in the camp. After certain questions had been answered for the audience by Mme. Montague, a circle was formed, my friend and I still keeping as far removed from the platform as possible. The business of the meeting proceeded. The mediums mingled with the community, answering questions, etc.

My friend and I sat, as I thought, unobserved, as neither of the mediums thus far had given us their attention. After an interval of about ten minutes, Mme. Montague, who had hitherto preserved her seat on the platform, rose, walked across the circle, and stood opposite me. She told me that *Spirits* desired to communicate with me through her. I asked her to please proceed. She then told me that I was about to meet with a severe accident. She described in detail all that she could see, in regard to the accident which was to happen, the chief point of which was that the vision revealed me as struck down by something which burst over me and I was picked up seriously hurt.

It is not necessary for me to enter into all the details of that meeting, further than to state that Madame was so impressed with the nature of the accident that she begged me to call again in a fortnight as a great danger was hanging over me.

I left the meeting still skeptical, blaming myself for my folly in having ever attended the same, and telling all my friends what nonsense I had been listening to. I did not return to see Madame, in a fortnight, as desired. However on August 13th I met with the accident which Madame had described. My ship was loading barley at Long Bridge. I was standing at the main hatch when a sack of barley shot out of the sling, striking me on the chest and knocking me to the deck; it burst on me. I was picked up with my back seriously hurt and could not walk for ten days. Had I been two inches nearer the hatchway the sack would have fallen on my head and resulted in a broken neck.

Madame also told me at this time everything concerning my family in England; events which I full well knew, and also events which I was not acquainted with and which afterwards took place, connected with them. She told me that during my homeward passage my ship would be struck by a whirlwind, and begged me to be very careful in regard to the stiffening of the ship in her loading, for she could see the ship overset by a whirlwind. This event happened.

In summing up all this, I cannot help or disguise the feeling that there must be something more than mere coincidence, as many people remark, in Spiritualism, and the power developed by those who make it their study. Although entirely ignorant of the subject, I confess that I cannot possibly be a skeptic now, since the above experience has quite altered my views. I offer this testimony to Madame Montague, conscientiously and respectfully, to use, for the information of all whom it may concern, and as a mark of the esteem which I entertain for the power of prophetic genius—as developed in her own self. THOS. F. MILMAN, Master Ship Crown of Denmark.

Capt. Milman sailed from Oakland for England on July 6, and is a confirmed Spiritualist.

— You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one. — [J. A. Froude.]

Science of Astrology.

PROF. GEO. W. WALROND.

Solomon wrote, "To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to get and a time to lose; a time to love, a time of war," etc. See Ecclesiastes, 3rd chapter. Solomon beyond doubt was well versed in the science and law governing planetary influence, hence his words gave rise to the Astrological aphorism, "there is a time for everything." Now there are evidences in the physical world of a planetary "time" for many things that come under our every-day observation, as in the case of solar and lunar influence upon the waters and tides of the ocean tidal waves, on vegetation, on the atmosphere, climate, weather, earthquakes, volcanoes, lunatics, animals, and physical life generally.

In our asylums many of our lunatics are every-day calendars of the planetary aspects, for certain phases of the moon and other planetary changes produce with every similar lunar phase or similar planetary aspect identically the same results. Ptolemy, Placidus, Copernicus, Kepler, Pythagoras, Sir Thomas Browne, Rev. Dr. John Butler, Sir Thomas Watson, Galileo, Sir Isaac Newton, and scientists and philosophers of every country, based many of their writings and works on an intimate knowledge of Astrological science. Why? Because they knew Astrology to be "an exact science," and that there was truth in the planetary configurations, because their effects are founded on the immutable laws of nature. That great and inspired genius, the author of the "Light of Egypt," "Celestial Dynamics," "Language of the Stars," etc., says:

"Astrology, per se, is a combination of two sciences, viz: Astronomy and Correspondences. These two are related to each other as hand and glove; the former deals with suns, moons, planets and stars, and strictly confines its researches to a knowledge of their size, distance

and motion; while the latter (Correspondences) deals with the spiritual and physical influences of the same bodies, first upon each other, then upon the earth, and lastly upon the organism of man. Astronomy is the external lifeless glove; Correspondences the living hand within. Astrology does not imply fatality, on the contrary, probably two-thirds of man's so-called misfortunes are the result of his benighted ignorance.

Astrological science underlies the knowledge of the laws of being and of life, and the man who is ignorant of these laws is "somewhat like a lifeless log floating with the stream." When a man, however, understands the laws of his being and the influences of the heavenly bodies he is able to battle successfully against the stream of malific opposition, or to gracefully glide along more serenely and hopefully with the planetary conditions when they configurate for his benefit. Prediction and prophecy have ever been and ever will be; many of the behests of Providence were effected by these means.

Biblical records contain the details of many events predicted through astral science by the old Egyptian and Chaldean Astrologers. The fall of Babylon and Egypt were so predicted. The judgments of Zion were predicted by the eclipse of the sun and moon. The birth of Christ was foreseen by the Magi through the "Star in the East."

Prof. Joseph R. Buchanan in "Periodicity" page 31 says: "If I were now to give my best advice to a friend at his outset in life, I would advise him to get the advice of a scientific and honest master of astrology who would show him the path of destiny which he has already trodden and must follow through life, either blindly stumbling or with his eyes open to all dangers. The ruler of the Universe has fixed our pathway and we can walk in it with eyes open or shut. I regret that I did not learn the value of the science in time. It would have saved me from serious errors." Such a statement from such a learned venerable scientist as Dr. Buchanan speaks volumes as to the value of Astro-

logy as an aneversy-day help to humanity.

Astrology is the foundation of all the esoteric sciences, of profound depth and far-reaching scope, and when correctly interpreted and properly applied, becomes a valuable aid to the successful work of life with its many perplexities and difficulties. It deals accurately with subjects of vital importance to everyone, high or low, rich or poor, financier or tradesman, artizan, mechanic or laborer, lady or gentleman; besides it tells you of future events which cannot possibly be obtained from any other source of science or knowledge in the world to-day.

Astrology is the life chart and mariner's compass combined. It points out not only the true road to success, but warns one of the quicksands and dangers that beset voyagers on the journey of life. It has stood the test of thousands of years. Astrology enables the astrologer to read from the horoscope, or map of the heavens at the time of a person's birth, many useful and important things relating to one's life, past, present and future. It describes the person's particular temperament and disposition, and the general points of strength and weakness of character; it shows liability to, or immunity from sickness, and in a general way indicates what parts of the body are weak and liable to be affected; also the natural strength and vitality of the constitution; it indicates mental abilities and propensities, and aptitude for different affairs and studies; it tells (when shown) whether marriage would prove unhappy or the reverse; it gives information concerning profitable or unprofitable journeys; also concerning friends, children, honor, wealth, partnership, talent, and in short most matters of everyday importance. As everything is governed by immutable law, future events are forecast generally in a scientific and accurate manner.

Astrology deals scientifically and mathematically with facts that bring the student or investigator face to face with spirit, soul and God. The history of the human race is written in language which all who run may

read in the starry heavens. The great universal scroll of heaven contains all the essential truths of philosophy, science and religion. "The glittering expanse of the sky was the most ancient Bible printed in characters of living gold" says the Rev. G. H. Lock, of Hull, England. He also adds "There is no department of human life, either private or national, to which this science will not apply, no kind of human need upon which it will not bear. It is one of God's supremest gifts to man, without the use of which he will, as now, go stumbling on in an unneedful darkness, but in the devout and exalted use of which he may walk in a splendid day.

Denver, Colo.

Our Best Interests.

I read several periodicals devoted to the department of human life called Spiritualism. All contain much of general and personal interest, but scarcely a hint of that which angels consider of prime importance enter their columns.

How to live for our best interests should receive first attention. My observations from this: the great mass of humanity are not ready for spiritual regeneration—spiritual evolution.

They have dull senses, become so by adulterations of matter belonging to the animal kingdom below the human. Their dull senses must be quickened though it cost much effort upon the part of angels, and the means necessary may seem harsh, but the wrong in the machinery must be righted, and the cost will be great anyway. The strain upon the thread connecting us with the angel world is nearly equal to its resisting strength, and if we do not soon rally to its support it must part.

Words prove nothing, still, many expect evidence to follow words.

All the hints pointing to angel life are either ignored or thrown back to its source, hence little controversy and less sentiment.

There is a continual cry for angel assistance and association; tell me, is it mockery? Is it a childish purpose to deceive in sport? Angels are above child-

ish toying. Angels long ago, because of its evil consequences, weaned from our semi-barbaric—mode of living and established homes outside of that realm, and we should not expect them to respond to a “says the spider to the fly” game. There is no fixed decree that man must continue upon any point of unfoldment—it is a matter of choice and willingness to degrade or progress.

Subject to culture, all that is necessary is a willingness to respond to the mandate of evolution—taming ugly and uncanny spirits. If we will not grasp means to an end—will go round-about, rather than straight—the hard, not the easy way—and ignore all suggestions that promise any good, when shall we attain to the realm in which angels delight to dwell?

Angels dread to enter realms of elemental action wherein dwell the spirit of murder, war—human slaughter—wrangling, bickering, deception, revenge, rapine, licentious practices, etc.

There is a dividing line, and if we will not help reach that line our cause remains without immediate hope. Wean from carnal practices, and the clouds that intervene must break away.

If we would for our best prepare,
Determination's arm make bare,
Clothe mind with armor godly thought,
Move upward, strive, thus heaven's bought.

DR. C. B. BURNISH.
Paulsboro, N. J.

The Famine in India.

I have seen in the *Cosmopolitan* for July, 1897, a picture, which I have studied in the light—not of history, but of the history-making present. To take in the lesson of that picture in this way, though but the work of a few brief moments, yet the lesson is of almost infinite extent. In this one glance at that picture, it is as though I had read the books of all the libraries of the world; or what is more than the equivalent of that experience, so mighty is the sweep of that one mute appeal! Until I, with the people of 1897, shall possess the inward benefit of the lesson taught in such a picture, all other lessons of all other books should have no meaning. It is a picture fit

only for stoutest men with stoutest hearts to behold.

The picture refers to the famine in India, where men, women and children are starving to death by the million. Let me ask the great question: Where does the responsibility rest? and the still greater question: How much of the responsibility is mine?

Here I would gladly pause for a month's consideration of this question of responsibility for this stupendous horror now reigning in India. But while thus waiting, they go on starving and dying. How can I, therefore, remain silent? So I will proceed, and as responsibility refers to duty, what is my first question as an individual, and what is yours?

Am I doing my whole duty toward those dying people in India? If not, what may I do first, so that my friends in the angel world may not be forced to cry out to me, “the voice of your brothers' blood cries unto us from the ground!” The question, “what am I to do?” is unrestricted. It refers to me primarily, not as a Spiritualist, but as a man. *In the name of humanity, what is to be done immediately for this starving people?* Again, it refers to me as a Spiritualist. I may not hope to reach the whole world in this appeal, but I ought to be able to reach the bulk of the great body of Spiritualists, throughout the civilized world, for this call may be copied by every periodical.

Suppose now that there are ten millions of Spiritualists in the United States, each one, on an average, able to command ten dollars in his own right. Whether he is in debt over and above this amount does not come into account in this case; for life and death are at stake, remember, and debts, whether large or small, must remain unsettled, until the starving are relieved. Suppose each spared \$1 out of his \$10, to be placed in a relief fund, and conveyed in the briefest possible time to these dying brethren, the Aryan stock, the very ancestors of our race.

Spiritualists of America! is not this an opportunity? May we not now place ourselves on record as far in advance of the rest of the world in flying to the

rescue of suffering humanity? Select a committee of strong, wise and honest men. Contribute your dollar. Those whose purses are empty, but whose hearts are brim full of honest, noble desire, may put in smaller sums. Let Spiritualists, whose material wealth is numbered away up in multiplied thousands, prove their Spiritualism, and show that their souls are far greater and stronger than their purse strings. Such a contribution, after due notice has been given, and formal action taken, should foot up at least ten million dollars within 90 days from date; and the committee already equipped and on their way, followed by the blessings of millions who will be happier as long as they live, for having thus aided in relieving this immeasurable suffering.

THOS. H. B. COTTON.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Remarkable Prophecies and Levitation.

Being aware that I had an uncle who was thrice levitated to the ceiling at a Methodist meeting in Minnesota, in the county where I was born, and that he possessed wonderful gifts of prophecy, I wrote him a letter requesting an account of his mediumistic experience. The following extracts from his letter will be of interest to all readers of the JOURNAL, particularly the prophecies yet in the future:

“You wished me to write of my being lifted to the ceiling many times in Methodist meetings. This occurred in 1858, in Waseca county, Minnesota, and an account of it was published in the secular press at the time.

“In September, 1860, in the village of Elysian (same county) at the home of a Mr. Hughes, I met with some Spiritualists. We were “in the spirit” (as St. Paul describes it), and saw a living map of the Southern States—its mountain ranges, its rivers, and blood on the ground where every battle was afterwards fought. I saw the marching of our army—more particularly, of Sherman to the Sea and northward. I saw that it did not reach Virginia soil until Lee's army left the James River, fleeing in a south-

ENDURE.

I cried aloud in agony and pain;
I said: "O, Fate, I cannot stand this strain;
This rack of torture only death can cure."

A space of silence followed, and I heard
A strong, kind voice that uttered just one word
In tone supremely calm; it said: "Endure."

That voice was not an angel nor a man,
But both and everything. From Powers that plan
Through evolution for the good of all.

I felt of all the things that were alive
The fittest for environments should survive;
The most unfit would perish, die, and fall.

My faith was kindled, and my soul grew strong.
And as a prisoner breaks a binding thong,
I broke my trouble, rising free and sure,

That strength would not forsake me; and I know
We all in plans of grand perfection grow.
Hark to the voice, dear one, that says "Endure."

MARIE HARROLD GARRISON.

Chicago, Ill.

westerly direction, and was compelled to surrender to our Union army. I saw that slavery would be abolished forever; that peace would be restored, the union of the States preserved, its power for good vastly increased and its prosperity in all that makes a nation great unparalleled in the history of the world; that other people and nations, seeing this, would struggle for liberty—princes and kings would tremble; that Rome would instigate war between France and the Germans which would result in a republic for France.

"I saw Methodists join with Catholics to check liberal thought—to crush out Spiritualism—and other churches joined to continue and keep up old theology; that this struggle would continue until 1905, when universal freedom of thought and the new flood of spiritual light would become the light of the world.

"I have beheld many things long before they happened and never made a mistake in the least detail.

"I was on the train that took the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry to Chicago, and was on my feet to stop the train as that accident happened four miles from Chicago, but Captain Ira Justin stood up in front of me and prevented my jerking the bell-rope to stop the train as the accident occurred. All in the car could see this and bear witness to the fact. We had 12 killed in that

accident and 30 injured. One was crushed between the second and third car. He got on at the last station in Wisconsin, and I was involuntarily lifted on my feet to prevent his getting on, as his wife was clinging to him crying, 'It's the last that I will see you alive.' 'It is,' came to me, as I was lifted to my feet, 'the first news of him will reach you in the morning—he is crushed—he is killed.'

"Oh how dare anyone fight this glorious light of Spiritualism and the bright, loving ones who are ever with us."

The writer goes on to narrate some startling war experiences, telling how, on one occasion, when captured by the enemy, his spirit band saved him while two men were viewing with each other to see which should be first to get a rope around his neck to hang him.

The letter quoted above was written by C. H. Green, of Fall River, Wis., whose veracity is unimpeachable. He writes that his experiences of this kind would fill a large volume.

E. S. GREEN.

Education and Mediumship.

At the picnic at Cassadaga, the discussion on education and mediumship were interesting, like all else. The human mind swings, like the pendulum, from one extreme to another. The prophets of the new departure

are likely to undervalue, and possibly stifle the spiritual flow which has so thrilled and charmed the world, in their eagerness to arouse Spiritualists and mediums—especially platform mediums and speakers—to a sense of the need of effort, study, and school training. One speaker referred to the success of inspirational speaking and improvising upon subjects presented by the audience, and said that it had done its work, had its day, and was no longer needed. Now, every speaker should come upon the platform loaded with a subject, and all its details full in mind, knowing exactly what he was going to say before he attempted to speak.

Allow me to suggest an amendment to this. Every speaker who cannot trust himself—or herself—to spontaneous efforts as likely to produce as good, or better, than a prepared discourse, should try to come upon the platform "loaded down" with a subject prepared for delivery. If I could have but one—a prepared lecture with no spiritual quickening—or a blank page to be filled as the inspiration of heaven impelled, I would take the latter always.

Nor do I think the time is come—or ever will come—when the uses of such receptive states, and the spontaneous originality that often follows will cease to be useful. It breaks up the stiffness, and drives us out of the old ruts, and welcomes the divine flashes that kindle in the emotions, and radiate through intellectual expressions, melting the frosts of fashionable formality, and breaking down the dogmatic dictations of authority, old or new, in religion or science, or the self-hypnotized regulators of the ways and means of obtaining knowledge. Education—calling out—is not book cramming. But any and all appeals to the inner life, that evoke the mental consciousness, that grapples with mystery, and posses the secret stores of nature, is education, and those means touching us from the spiritual Universe are vastly more effective than the study of books, with a conforming tendency to the mental habits of others and their creeds.

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Ignorance and Superstition.

Last week we noted the fact that a poor old woman in New Mexico had been "dragged to death at the heels of horses for the offense of witchcraft," so-called. The more ignorant and superstitious people were the perpetrators of that crime, because they *thought* that this octogenarian was the cause of disease in another woman—through witchcraft, and hence they felt justified in torturing and murdering a poor defenseless old woman!

Ignorance of such kind is the greatest enemy to human progress. It is the primal foe, ever ready to lead the popular mind into the beaten track of fatal errors. It is the source of all pernicious superstitions—and always brings woe to the human race. False reasoning about the cause of existing evils renders man more blood-thirsty and cruel than wild beasts. Priests who pretend to drive out demons as well as disease by Pater-nosters, Ave Marias, holy water, and other hocus-pocus ceremonies: and Protestant as well as Catholic witch-burners, were simply reproducing the practices of older unsophisticated savages, who, believing that human beings may, by

sorcery, work mischief or bring disease and death to their enemies, have committed atrocities which are a blot upon the human race.

The belief in witchcraft, which is perhaps the most baneful of all false reasoning, has drenched the earth with the blood of countless innocent victims. Christians have even surpassed the Pagans in their insane terror of it, and in their systematic cruelty.

For six centuries (from the 11th to the 17th) a belief in witchcraft raged in all Christian countries, slaying its victims by millions. The great cause for this, was their belief in a devil, who as an arch enemy of God and man, afflicted the latter with sickness and death, storms, famine and war, and he was supposed to obtain assistance from sorcerers and witches. Christians were therefore taught by cunning priests that it was their sacred duty to persecute them with quenchless hatred, to inflict upon them the most frightful tortures, and to destroy them by fire and sword.

To pity one on account of youth or age, was a deadly sin, because they were supposed to be in league with the devil, and by accursed magic caused sickness and death. In Andrew White's "Warfare of Science, with Theology," we find the following:

In the year 1484 Pope Innocent VIII. issued a bull in which he committed the church to the idea that witches are a great cause of disease, storms and various ills which affect humanity. This idea persisted long and the evolution of it is among the most fearful things in human history. In Germany its development was especially terrible. From the middle of the 16th century to the middle of the 17th, Catholic and Protestant theologians vied with each other in detecting witches guilty of producing sickness or bad weather: women were sent to torture and death by thousands, and with them, from time to time, men and children. On the Catholic side sufficient warrant was found for this work in the bull of Innocent VIII., and the bishops' palaces of South Germany became shambles—the lordly prelates of a Zalzburg, Wurzburg and Bamberg taking the lead in this butchery.

In North Germany, Protestantism was just as conscientiously cruel. It based its theory and practice toward witches directly on the great text which has cost the lives of so many myriads of innocent women, men and children, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." The Protestant authority strove to show that Protestantism was no less orthodox in this respect than Catholicism, and their theological jurists did their work thoroughly. An eminent authority on this subject estimates the number of victims thus sacrificed during that

century in Germany alone at over a hundred thousand.

The ignorant populace, led by the priests, destroyed, with horrible tortures, thousands upon thousands—because they charged them with being responsible for the great plague of 1656, when its cause was chargeable to dirt and filth with which the people were surrounded and their complete ignorance of the laws of health.

Carlyle Petersilea's Musicales.

Last Wednesday evening, Prof. Carlyle Petersilea, assisted by his accomplished wife, gave a grand musical, psychical and literary entertainment at their parlors, 803 Golden Gate avenue, San Francisco.

Aside from Prof. Petersilea's incomparable rendition of the following rare program, Mrs. Petersilea gave excellent tests and psychic readings to all present, after reading, in a very entertaining manner, a chapter from "Oceanides:"

Grand Sonata. Op. 106.....Beethoven
Song, "The Two Grenadiers".....Schumann
Reading from "Oceanides".....Petersilea
Grand Polonaise. Op. 53.....Chopin
Nocturne.....Chopin
Song, "Mignon".....Beethoven
Discerning Spiritual Beings. Messages. Tests.
"The Awakening of the Lion".....DeKontski

Prof. Petersilea plays all his concerts without the music before him, and it is said that he could play two weeks without repeating, giving all the masterpieces of the world's greatest composers, without a note in view. Query: Does he commit those great volumes to memory, does he read them by psychic power, are the composers present helping him, or is it a combination of all these forces? The Professor himself says: "I play a new piece a few times and then close the book and let it play itself," declaring that he has no consciousness of studying or committing anything to memory. He has played in public since nine years of age.

It will be remembered that many years ago Mr. Petersilea and his father were conducting one of the finest musical conservatories in the world, at Boston, Mass., and that after his father's death, Carlyle continued the business, being himself considered one of the greatest living pianists. There are critics to-day who claim that he has no equal as a pianist, being even superior to Paderewski in some particulars: besides being a splendid tenor soloist. Certain it is that the editor and staff of the JOURNAL are agreed that they never before heard such music as that rendered by Prof.

Petersilea on last Wednesday evening.

How Prof. Petersilea came to give up his prestige and princely income as a world-renowned piano virtuoso and to seek a more secluded life, will interest all Spiritualists. His father had been a confirmed materialist, and after his transition, finding that he still lived, determined to make the fact known to the whole world. Accordingly, he controlled his son's hand to write—automatically—his experience in spirit life. Up to this time Carlyle had an utter disgust for Spiritualism, born of prejudice, and as his hand wrote the pages he threw them on the floor, but Mrs. Petersilea gathered them up and filed them away. However, the father gave Carlyle no rest until he was forced to publish these manuscripts in book form, which he called "The Discovered Country." Since then he has written many psychic works, under the same psychic power, perhaps the deepest and most important being "Oceanides," as it deals with the mysteries of life here and hereafter.

Mrs. Petersilea is a fine psychic, and her tests Wednesday evening were generally recognized. She is also a good elocutionist, and her whole soul seems devoted to the work of spiritual enlightenment of the race.

Old and New San Francisco.

An Illustrated Lecture, with specially-prepared Stereopticon Views, will be given as a Benefit Entertainment to the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, at Scottish Hall, 105 Larkin street, San Francisco, on Thursday, July 29, at 8 p. m., by Mrs. Julia Schlesinger, assisted by Prof. Carlyle Petersilea, Dr. Thomas L. Hill, the well-known elocutionist, and others. Tickets 25 cents each. Every one who believes in the up-building of the Cause on the Coast, should be there, and also induce their friends to go. The lecture is fine, and the whole entertainment first-class.

This lecture is descriptive of the past and present of San Francisco from its early settlement by the Franciscan Friars down to the present day, and is given under the auspices of the Pacific Illustrated Lecture Bureau. Optical projection by E. W. Jensen.

These STEREOPTICON VIEWS are specially prepared from photographs, and are correct representations of San Francisco's rise, growth and development during the half century of its history as a city.

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ever given devoted especially to San Francisco, showing the lights and shadows of the Metropolis of the Pacific Coast, with its beautiful Golden Gate Park, its baths, hotels, theatres, palatial homes, museums, art galleries and public edifices. The shadow side is also represented by a peep into Chinatown, showing its inhabitants, theatres, joss houses, opium dens, etc.

Degeneration.

Mr. Chas. E. Mills, editor of the *Commercial* at Montevideo, Minn., commenting inspirationally upon the drunkenness of some of the sons of our great public men, says:

Better a more lowly life and habits of industry and thrift. These are good safeguards to temptation. If people would only look more deeply into the future life, we doubt if so many unkind and disgraceful scenes would be enacted on this earth. If they only knew the condition in the future life their actions here place them in, this old earth would respond with goodness and happiness. But no, in their selfishness and ignorance they look at little else than their bodily wants and will resort to almost any thing, with that end in view only, while, if they only knew it, they are building around themselves fetters stronger than iron chains that will keep them in bondage perhaps for ages in that eternal life to come.

Yes, Bro. Mills, but idle and fast companions will ruin almost any young man. All should have to earn a living. Society needs a thorough reconstruction.

A Spiritualist.—To call one's self a Spiritualist is not all that is required—one must *live* his belief, remembering at all times that he is one of the Great Family, and that an injustice done to a brother is an injury to all—to himself *more than anyone else*.

If.....you, dear reader, like the matter in the JOURNAL, please to show your appreciation by sending a dollar for a year's subscription. We will then show our appreciation by mailing you the book by John Brown, (as mentioned on the last page) and the JOURNAL will make a call on you every week for a year. *Cheap, isn't it?*

Each Spiritualist is responsible for the success or failure of the Cause. All bickering and strife should be forever abandoned, realizing the only work before us, that of elevating humanity to a higher mental plane.

Camp Meetings this year are announced as follows:

Lake Brady, O., June 27 to Aug. 29.
Onset, Mass., July 4 to July 30.
Peoria, Ills., July 15 to Sept. 1.
Mantua, O., July 18 to Aug. 22.
Chesterfield, Ind., July 22 to Aug. 5.
Sylvan Beach, N. Y., July 25 to Aug. 8.
Grand Ledge, Mich., July 25 to Aug. 8.
Clinton, Iowa, Aug. 1 to Aug. 29.
Gilbert Lake, Minn., Aug. 1 to 16.
Vicksburg, Mich., Aug. 6 to 29.
Summerland, Cal., July 18 to Aug. 8.
New Era, Oregon, July 9 to Aug. 1.
Freeville, N. Y., July 25.
Lake Sunapee, N. H., July 25.
Burlington, Vt., July 25.
Lake Pleasant, Mass., Aug. 1.
Marshalltown, Iowa, Aug. 21.
Topeka, Kans., Sep. 4.
Upper Swampscott, Mass., June to Sept.
Island Lake, Mich., July 28 to Aug. 31.
Cape Cod, Mass., July 18 to Aug. 1.
Ashley, O., Aug. 15.

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Dr. W. M. Forster, the well-known clairvoyant physician of this city, is in daily receipt of most flattering communications from patients he has treated in all parts of the country attesting to the cures effected through his remedies, and some of them are indeed marvelous. They come, too, from all classes of people—lawyers, clergymen, farmers, and even from doctors.

The Journal reaches the Spiritualists in every State. It is the champion of the higher philosophy. *Push* its circulation. Enlist every brother and sister in its support.

If our readers (who are in our debt) could but realize how much good the small amounts they owe us, would do good to us and the Cause they claim to have at heart—there is not one but would send that amount to us at the earliest opportunity.

Henry S. Hubbard, of Los Angeles, Cal., has announced himself as the "Herald of the Coming King"—a sort of "John, the Baptist"—and has issued his manifesto, taking possession of the world in the name of Jehovah, and states that those powers that assume to rule it, will now have to reckon with him. Fanatic or lunatic, which? When we met him at Escondido, he was a Spiritualist.

Dr. Hodgson's Life Work.

The Secretary of the Society for Psychical Research, Richard Hodgson, LLD., is thus referred to in Miss Lilian Whiting's late Boston correspondence for the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*:

The American branch of the Society for Psychical Research will ere long be able, by the means of the profound and distinguished character of the work of Dr. Richard Hodgson, the learned and brilliant secretary, to produce some very valuable new data pertaining to the science of the future life. The Society has been fortunate in many things, but most of all in securing such a man as Dr. Hodgson to prosecute its researches. A scholar, a thinker, and a keen, trained observer, he is, at once, a man who cannot be deceived by any astute trickery, or led to accept any emotional exaggerations, while he is keen to discern subtle truth, sensitive to spiritual impressions, and has that fine quality of intellectual power that swiftly discriminates between the false and the true and between the significant and the insignificant.

It is no exaggeration to say that no such remarkable testimony of the life beyond death has been given since the time of Christ, as will be given when Dr. Hodgson is ready to offer to the public the result of his more recent researches, extending over a period of several months. His entire work in psychological study has extended through some 20 years.

As a youth in college, in his under-graduate days, psychical problems fascinated his attention, and he is probably—take it all in all—the best equipped of any of the noted men whose names are prominent in the work of psychical research, as he, if I mistake not, is the only one to devote his entire time to the matter. Dr. Wm. James is a busy professor in Harvard, Dr. Wm. Crookes, F. R. S., the president of the Society, Mr. F. H. W. Meyers, Professor Oliver Lodge, and others are each and all variously engaged in other scientific, literary or educational work, while Dr. Hodgson gives

to psychical research and study his valuable time and energy exclusively. The world may well await with deep interest his next published work.

The Reviewer.

The Man of Forty Crowns—also *The Huron, or Pupil of Nature*. Translated from the French of M. De Voltaire. 112 pp. Price 25 cents. Published by Peter Eckler, 35 Fulton street, New York.

This is a romance by Voltaire, published as No. 22, of the Library of Liberal Classics, which is issued monthly at \$3.00 a year.

The Rosy Cross, by Rosicruciae, is the subject-matter of No. 3, of *The Temple*, Paul Tyner's new monthly magazine, devoted to the fuller unfoldment of the divinity of humanity; published at 34 Masonic Temple, Denver, Colo. 10 cts., or \$1 a year.

Religion as revealed by the Material and Spiritual Universe, including the wonders and beauties of the Diviner Life, by E. D. Babbitt, LL.D., M. D., author of "Principles of Light and Color," "Human Culture and Cure," etc., and Dean of the College of Fine Forces. Second edition. Elegantly illustrated, containing 378 pp., 12 mo., English muslin, stamped in black and gold; price reduced to \$1.00, or, if postpaid, \$1.11: price in paper covers, 50 cts., or 60 cts. if postpaid.

This volume defines true religion as "the heavenly side of science; the divinest motive-power of philosophy, and yet it is the very angel of everyday life which sanctifies and sweetens human lives, and tends to lift up the humblest soul." Could anything be more clear and sublime? The author aims to lead his readers "into the vestibule of the temple of life, where are joys forever more, and where the radiant soul of things begins to appear." Prof. Babbitt has but few rivals in his power to apply scientific facts and history. His book, entitled "Religion," is a charming volume and should have a very wide circulation. It can be obtained at this office.

Faith or Fact.—A new free-thought work by Henry M. Taber, Esq., with a brilliant preface, by Col. Robert G. Ingersoll. 347 pp. Price, \$1.00. Peter Eckler, publisher, 35 Fulton street, New York City.

This is a handsome volume, beautifully printed and bound, and is full of good sense, and sound logic. Being an arsenal of FACTS, it is an effective antidote to unreasonable FAITH. The

author has drawn a life-like picture of modern Christianity; and has shown from the admissions of Christian writers and from the testimony of Christian ministers, what are the real aims, desires, and tendencies of the Christian church. "A single fact is worth a folio of argument."

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Spiritualist News.

In this department may be found the cream of the current Spiritualist news of the day, culled from every available source.

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Readers are requested to send us short items of news. Interesting incidents of spirit communion and well authenticated spirit phenomena are ever welcome, and will be published as soon as possible.

W. J. Colville is lecturing in England to appreciative audiences.

Prof. J. S. Loveland started for Summerland last Friday, on the steamer *Corona*, arriving there on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Petersilea's Grand Musical and Psychical Soirees are at Oriental Hall, 605 McAllister street, San Francisco, every Saturday at 8 p. m. sharp. Admission, 10 cts.

The benefit seance given by Mme. E. Young in her hall at 605 McAllister street, July 17th, for a suffering Spiritualist sister, was largely attended and netted a goodly amount for the sick woman.

Dr. C. H. Rines' Society will hold a camp-meeting at Trestle Glen, Oakland, beginning on Aug. 8th, and closing on the 22nd. Admission to grounds will be free, and also ground room for tents. Good transportation facilities are guaranteed and the grounds are well supplied with water, shade and electric lights.

PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL benefit, on Thursday evening, July, 29th, at Scottish Hall, 105 Larkin street, San Francisco; illustrated lecture, specially prepared stereopticon views of "Old and New San Francisco," by Mrs. Julia Schlesinger; music by Prof. Carlyle Petersilea, the celebrated pianist, and Prof. Richard Young, music composer; recitations by Dr. Thos. L. Hill. Tickets, 25 cents.

At the last meeting of the People's Spiritualist Society, held at 111 Larkin street, Wednesday evening, July 21st, T. R. Simpson delivered a short but interesting address, taking for his theme, "The Consolation Brought to Mortals by the Knowledge of Life's Continuity." John Slater gave tests in his usual concise manner, and was followed by Mme. E. Young, the tests in both cases being instantly recognized. In the semi-annual election to fill vacant offices the following-named persons were elected: President, Mrs. May Finlayson-Drynan, (re-elected); Treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Martin, (re-elected); Directors, T. R. Simpson, Bishop Garrison, Mrs. C. S. Swasey. The reports of officers showed the Society to be on a sound basis and virtually out of debt. The re-elected president, Mrs. Drynan, was the recipient of numerous floral gifts from her many friends, who feel that she has done much to keep the Society well up to the front.

The Lyceum Banner gives the portrait of an earnest Lyceum worker—Mr. A. Whitehead—as well as much other interesting matter.

Among the Meetings.

ASA P. WILBUR.

On Sunday the 18th inst., Dr. Rines held three meetings all of which were well attended. In the morning Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bunker and Mrs. Barclay officiated. At the afternoon services Rev. Stephen Salvern, Messrs. Barker, Gee and Barclay took part, and at 8 p. m. to a full house of greatly interested inquirers, Mr. Rucker a late convert to the Harmonial Philosophy of Spiritualism; Mrs. Ladd-Finnican, a vice-president; Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Sealey also vice-presidents. Bro. Barker and Mrs. Wrenn were present and added much to the interest. The fine music furnished by the Terry Bros' quartette was another very pleasing feature of the meeting, which will hereafter be heard every Sunday.

Meetings were held on the same date by Mme. Young, at 605 McAllister street; Mrs. Kate Heussmann, at 111 Larkin street; C. V. Miller, at 409 Leavenworth street; John Slater, at 909 Market street; Prof. Mingo, at 1153 Mission street; R. J. Stitt, at 997 Market street and many other circles and harmonious meetings were held, all of which I learn were well attended.

Ane, an Egyptian guide of Mme. E. Young, has advised her husband, Prof. Richard Young, to dedicate his new composition, "The Fireman's last Call," a description of which appeared in a late number of the JOURNAL, to the *Examiner* of this city, and to have the Park Band perform it, prophesying great success. "The Fireman's Last Call," by the way, will be performed at the benefit tendered to the JOURNAL on the 29th, at Scottish Hall, Prof. Young having volunteered his services with Prof. Petersilea. You should not miss the opportunity for hearing so excellent a composition.

The next step upward for those who accept the demonstrated facts of Spiritualism is to do all in their power to identify it more and more with spirituality and the spiritual. It cannot live long even as Spiritualism on its phenomena alone. Unless these constantly appeal to the inner nature, to the entity lodged within the external senses, to the ego which is the essential of all our being, they have not much more than a mere report to convey, and are without further intrinsic meaning. The cultivation of the spiritual is conducive to our spiritual life; if we neglect that, or fail to apprehend it, our present intercommunion will lapse into sense altogether. Phenomena are worth little unless they lead us to spirit and to truth.—*Banner of Light*.

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The Cause in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Cause here in Brooklyn, N. Y., notwithstanding the warm season, is quite active; so that four large meetings in public halls on Sunday are kept open, as well as the Saturday conference. Besides these, a Sunday parlor meeting, and the several week-day circles, add to the quota of spiritual food supplied—not spiritual essences as obtained from the food we eat, but that thought and inspiration which lifts the hearer nearer heaven and a spiritual plane. The one builds the spiritual body, as Dr. Peebles tells us, but the other must build the soul.

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The general view of the societies shows a falling off of the more radical ones, and a swinging back toward harmony and the true middle line of truth between the old and new. Character in mediumship is desired and furnished by our Brooklyn mediums, and the old idea that made the spiritual gift paramount regardless of it is a thing of the past among our local workers.

Spiritualism is now taking on the garb of a religion in its halls and with its people in their lives, and since the forming of the New York State Association a greater desire than ever has been shown toward building a suitable Temple of our own to properly represent the Cause, and aid at least one or two societies to come down from those "upper chambers" where we have been wont to gather. W. J. CUSHING.

Camp at Brainerd, Minn.

The Mediums' Northern Cassadaga Camp-Meeting at Brainerd, Minn., will be held from Aug. 1 to 16 inclusive, and longer if desired. Among the mediums and lecturers expected are Elsie Reynolds, the Bangs sisters, the Fosters, Campbell brothers, May Goodrich, Will Langdon, Dr. and Mrs. Vaughn, Amae and Katie Wheeler, etc.

Dr. Arthur the famous English physician and hypnotist is already on the grounds and doing a remarkable work.

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IN MEMORIAM—SCHLATTER, THE HEALER.

[These lines were suggested on reading the account of the demise of Francis Schlatter, the noted healer, in a recent number of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.]

'Tis said that the noted healer has passed away,
Hath vacated his tabernacle of clay;
Finished, on earth, his mission of love
And ascended to the "Father" above.
Now that he has gone, what of the man?
Was he the instrument of an angel band
Of healers, from some spirit sphere,
Who sought through him mortals to cheer
And to heal the sick, as was done in days of old,
Without money and without price, as we're told
In the book called holy, sacred and divine,
(Though transmitted through the human mind)?
Or was he a fraud as some really do say,
Pretending to heal on whom his hands did lay,
Asking the "Father" his blessing to bestow,
And to heal them of their sickness and woe,
Like the humble Nazarene on Gallilee's shore,
Whom the orthodox "as very" God doth adore,
And by their connived theological plan
Claim as murdered God, instead of a man,
Ignoring the fact that Christ did not claim,
Nor assume for himself any other name,
That he was *only* a man, reason would show
If allowed in the *natural* channel to flow?

Reason being deprived of the *natural* course
Theology asserts a *miraculous* source;
Hence with mental reason 'twere useless to combat
Longer old orthodoxy's dogmatic fiat;
Therefore, the immortals have come to show
By their power, orthodoxy's schemes must go.
Of Jesus or Schlatter the writer little doth know;
Of both the report of the records claim to show,
Hence he will leave it for others to settle the claim
Whether the latter really did heal the sick and the lame.

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Psychical Research.—The proceedings of this society are not easily procured, as they are supplied only to members, but we have a few copies which we offer at 50 cents each, the regular price being \$1 each. They are dated as follows: April and July 1891; Feb., June, July and Dec., 1892.

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